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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 AND REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.607

In response to the Office Action of 3 March 1998,

kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

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Cancel claims 25 through 33, inclusive.

Add the following new claims 34 through 37:

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--34. A peptide comprising

> a biological-function domain which causes the peptide to localize at a target site, and

> a metal ion-binding domain which comprises the sequence Gly-Gly-Z or Gly-Gly-Z wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of cysteine, homocysteine, isocysteine, penicillamine, 2mercaptoethylamine, 3-mercaptopropylamine and D-stereoisomers thereof.--